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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- TAIWAN OFFICIALDOM REACTED PUBLICLY AS IF OTHER SHOE WERE DROPPING WITH VANCE ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH. LEGISLATIVE YUAN JULY 6 ADOPTED RESOLUTION OF PROTEST NOTING END TO U.S.-ROC RELATIONS WOULD BRING MAJOR CONFLICT IN TAIWAN STRAITS -- IN ADDITION TO EARLIER REPORTED STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER, FORMER AMBASSADOR YEH, PROTEST ENTIRE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL PRESS CRITICISM.

BESIDES GENERAL DISMAY VOICED OVER VANCE AND PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS OF COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZATION, OTHER THEMES REMAIN INDIGNATION AT VANCE OMISSION OF ROC NAME, SARDONIC CRITICISM OF U.S. CLAIMING MORAL BASIS FOREIGN POLICY WHILE DEALING WITH PRC WHICH IGNORES HUMAN RIGHTS (THIS THEME EMPHASIZED IN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON JULY 4), AND WARNINGS THAT ABANDONMENT OF TAIWAN COULD LEAD TO WAR IN ASIA. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE GIVEN ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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STATEMENTS OPPOSING ADMINISTRATION CHINA POLICY BY U.S. CONGRESSMEN, SCHOLARS, CHINESE-AMERICAN GROUPS, ETC. PRESS COMMENT GENERALLY PLACES HOPE IN CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION TO STYMIE ADMINISTRATION.

TODAY'S UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000) U.S. CORRESPONDENT COMET SHIH REPORTS ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN TO

CALL ON DOS OFFICIAL BUT UNKNOWN WHAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARE.
SHIH SAYS DOS OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED TAIWAN PUBLIC OPINION
DEMANDS SOME KIND OF REPRESENTATION.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- LOCAL PRESS, GROC OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS ALL
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR QUICK ISSUANCE VANCE ASIA SOCIETY
SPEECH IN BI-LINGUAL BACKGROUNDER. ENGLISH TEXTS WERE ON
DESKS OF PRESIDENT, PREMIER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER
RANKING OFFICIALS BEFORE NOON DAY OF SPEECH DELIVERY.
SAME TIME ENGLISH TEXT DELIVERED ALL PAPERS. LEADING
LEGISLATOR (CONVENOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE), RANKING
MND OFFICIAL AND NUMEROUS REPORTERS VISITED USIS TO GET
COPIES SAME MORNIV. BY 5 P.M. CHINESE VERSION DELIVERED
ALL PAPERS. DOWN ISLAND PAPER GOT SPECIAL TREATMENT
ENABLING THEM GET CHINESE TEXT EARLY AFTERNOON TO MEET
PLANE SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE. BI-LINGUAL BACKGROUNDER
WERE ON HAND THAT EVENING FOR LARGE RECEPTION GIVEN BY
CHIEF EMBASSY POLITICAL SECTION, WHO NOTED MANY OFFICIALS
HAD ALREADY READ USIS TEXT BEFORE ARRIVING AT 5:30 PARTY.

-- ON JULY 4, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA POST (30,000) PUBLISHED
SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE, BASED ON AGENCY'S
MAGAZINE ON SUBJECT. PUBLISHER'S INTRODUCTORY NOTE THANKED
USIS FOR COOPERATION.
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-- EASILY CULTURAL EVENT OF YEAR, ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE
THEATER CONQUERED TAIPEI WITH THEIR JULY 1 AND 2 PERFORMANCES
FOR SRO AUDIENCES IN 2,600-SEAT SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL HALL.
ALTHOUGH TAIWAN WAS IN GRIP OF COUNTRYWIDE UNIVERSITY
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS BOTH PERFORMANCE DAYS AND TICKET
PRICES WERE RAISED 50 PER CENT, HALL WAS FILLED BOTH NIGHTS,
HIGHLY UNUSUAL FOR FOREIGN MODERN DANCE. BOTH PERFORMANCES
GREETED WITH CHEERS AND MANY OBSERVERS CALLED IT MOST
ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE EVER WITNESSED FOR ANY CULTURAL
EVENT IN TAIPEI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS OFTEN STARTED WITH
WORD "FANTASTIC."

AMBASSADOR AND MRS. LEONARD UNGER INVITED 50 TOP-
LEVEL GOVERNMENT LEADERS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT AND MRS. YEN
CHIA-KAN, TO VIEW PERFORMANCES, HOSTED DANCERS IN BUFFET
DINNER ON EVENING THEIR ARRIVAL WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY
SOME 80 OTHER GUESTS INCLUDING MANY YOUNG DANCE ENTHUSIASTS.
MEDIA COVERAGE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE AILEY VISIT WAS
OVERWHELMING IN PRAISE OF DANCERS, ESPECIALLY JUDITH JAMISON
AND CHINESE TROUPE MEMBER TINA YUAN. FIRST NIGHT MEDIA
COVERAGE IS SUMMARIZED IN TAIPEI'S 3947. SECOND NIGHT

PERFORMANCE ALSO WON ENTHUSIASTIC REVIEWS TYPIFIED BY CHINA
NEWS (20,000) COMMENT: "ACTING BLENDED WITH DANCING IN
STUNNING PERFORMANCE BY COMPANY...THAT WOULD ENHANCE ITS
REPUTATION IF ANY ENHANCEMENT WERE NEEDED."

-- IN WAKE VANCE, CARTER PRONOUNCEMENTS U.S. CHINA POLICY,
AMSPEC DR. ROBERT SCALAPINO GAVE STRONG SUPPORT CPM OBJECTIVE
I BY BRINGING HOME REALITIES U.S. ASIA POLICY TO HIGH LEVEL
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUDIENCES WHO MAY NOT HAVE AGREED BUT
LISTENED WITH INTENSE INTEREST. DR. SCALAPINO SPOKE AT
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS AND ARMED FORCES UNIVERSITY, WHERE GENERAL WEGO
CHIANG, BROTHER OF THE PREMIER, PRESIDED. HIGHLY REGARDED,
DR. SCALAPINO REASSURED AUDIENCES OF LONG TERM AMERICAN
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INTERESTS IN ASIA, WHILE GIVING THEM OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS
OF FACTORS BEHIND U.S. ASIA POLICY, PARTICULARLY CHINA
POLICY. AS OBJECT INTENSE PRESS INTEREST, SCALAPINO AGREED
ADMIT NEWSPAPER AND TV REPORTERS TO LECTURE AT INSTITUTE
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. SPEECH RECEIVED LENGTHY,
FACTUAL COVERAGE IN UNITED DAILY NEWS, CHINA TIMES, AND
CENTRAL DAILY NEWS. ALL STORIES HIGHLIGHTEDHUCEMARKS
ON U.S. POLICY REGARDING TAIWAN SECURITY, THAT U.S. CONCERN
IS THREEFOLD: TO ACQUIRE PRC'S ASSURANCE IT WILL NOT USE
FORCE AGAINST TAIWAN, TO HELP TAIWAN MAINTAIN ADEQUATE
DEFENSE CAPABILITY, AND TO LET PEOPLE ON TAIWAN DECIDE
THEIR FATE IN DEMOCRATIC WAY. PAPERS ALSO REPORTED HIS
BELIEF ASIAN POLICY IS LATECOMER TO ADMINISTRATION'S PRIORITY
LIST OF CONCERNS AND IS NOW IN TRANSITION PERIOD OF RE-
EVALUATION.
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